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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

It is recommended that you sign the attached letter to the Chairman, ICIS. The regulations which this letter takes exception to are proposed for issuance as a Presidential Order and would require securing a Personal History Statement from foreign intelligence representatives visiting or stationed within the United States for routine checking with U. S. security agencies. The attached letter has been coordinated with [redacted] and Mr. Loftus Becker.

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Sheffield Edwards
Colonel, GSC

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(We need their degree of flexibility, and would be seriously hampered if we did not have it)

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Mr. Raymond P. Whearty, Chairman
Interdepartmental Committee on
Internal Security
2107 Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Whearty:

Reference is made to your memorandum of 9 February 1953 to the ICIS and others, transmitting a copy of a draft memorandum for the NSC Representative on Internal Security, and to your memorandum of the same date, addressed to this Agency, enclosing a copy of a letter dated 5 December 1952 from the Chairman, ICIS, to the Chairman, ICIS.

In our letter of 15 November 1952, for reasons set forth, it was suggested that Part II of the proposed regulations contain a statement exempting accredited representatives of foreign intelligence agencies engaged in operational liaison. The ICIS in its meeting of 5 February 1953 voted not to concur with this suggestion.

In the meeting of 5 February 1953, a representative of this Agency discussed with your Committee the interpretation of the exemption provision embodied in Section V of the proposed regulations. Occasionally, this Agency finds itself in the position of inviting a representative of a foreign intelligence agency to come to the United States in order to discuss matters of operational intelligence interest. In screening foreign intelligence representatives prior to any operational disclosure, all available sources of security information are utilized.

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It is thought it should be pointed out, particularly to the NSC, that if this Agency must follow the proposed regulations, then conflict will arise with the responsibility placed upon the Director of Central Intelligence for counterespionage by NSC Intelligence Directive No. 5; furthermore, it is not apparent how the proposed regulations would substantially promote the security of the United States in the dissemination of finished intelligence, a factor which must be considered by the Director of Central Intelligence in the dissemination of National Intelligence to foreign governments as authorized by NSC Intelligence Directive No. 1 (revised).

In view of the foregoing, this Agency requests the concurrence of your Committee in its understanding that under Section V of the proposed regulations, the Director of Central Intelligence may determine that compliance with the security clearance procedures can be waived in the national interest.

It is requested that copies of this letter and our previous letter of 15 November 1952 be transmitted with the report of your Committee to the National Security Council.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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